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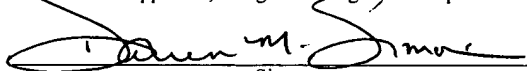
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The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. These documents were cited in corresponding Japanese Application Serial No. 8-334978.

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